

IN THE CLAIMS

Please, amend the claims to read as indicated in the following listing.

- 1 Claim 1 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 2 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 3 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 4 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 5 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 6 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 7 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 8 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 9 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 10 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 11 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 12 (withdrawn)
- 1 Claim 13 (currently amended): An Electrical Box with Recessed Faceplate, which
- 2 comprises:
- 3 a faceplate comprising:
- 4 an outer portion comprising:
- 5 a flange;
- 6 an interior surface having sides, being attached to the flange, and
- 7 projecting generally rearward from the flange; and
- 8 a longitudinal projection extending inward from each side of the
- 9 interior surface and having a means for accommodating a releasable
- 10 fastener; and
- 11 an inner portion comprising:
- 12 a rear wall with a perimeter and a cross-sectional shape, the rear
- 13 wall containing one or more instrumentality apertures and having a means
- 14 for accommodating a releasable fastener for attaching said faceplate to an
- 15 electrical instrumentality as well as a means for accommodating a second
- 16 releasable fastener; and

17 an interior surface projecting generally forward from the rear wall
18 and connected to the rear wall, with the dimensions of the interior surface
19 of the inner portion being such that the interior surface of the inner portion
20 will fit into and slide along the interior surface of the outer portion with
21 substantially no gaps between such interior surfaces; and
22 a box comprising:
23 a rear wall having a perimeter;
24 a lateral surface, having a first end attached to and projecting generally
25 forward from the perimeter of the rear wall and having a top containing a channel,
26 a bottom containing a channel, and sides each containing a channel, with each
27 channel having an interior end;
28 a connecting wall having a first end attached to a second end of the lateral
29 surface, the connecting wall having sides and a second end and said connecting
30 wall extending generally outward from the lateral surface; and
31 a front portion having a first end attached to and projecting generally
32 forward from the sides and the second end of the connecting wall, the front
33 portion containing the interior ends of the channels, the front portion having a
34 second end forming an open mouth, the front portion having substantially the
35 same cross-sectional shape as does the rear wall of said faceplate, and the front
36 portion having dimensions such that the flange of the faceplate extends from the
37 interior surface to a position laterally beyond the front of the mouth;
38 a means for accommodating a releasable fastener for attaching said box to
39 an electrical instrumentality; and
40 a means for accommodating a releasable fastener for drawing toward said
41 box and releasably retaining the outer portion of said faceplate.

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1 Claim 14 (original): The Electrical Box with Recessed Faceplate as recited in claim 13,
2 wherein:

3 the means for accommodating a releasable fastener in the longitudinal projection
4 is an aperture when the releasable fastener accommodated thereby is a screw;

5 the means for accommodating a releasable fastener for attaching said faceplate to
6 an electrical instrumentality which means comprises part of the faceplate is one or more
7 apertures in the faceplate as well as one or more apertures in the connecting wall when
8 the fastener for attaching said faceplate to an electrical instrumentality is a screw;

9 the means for accommodating a releasable fastener for attaching said box to an
10 electrical instrumentality is a covered interior end having a threaded aperture for the
11 channel on the top of the lateral surface of the box and a covered interior end having a
12 threaded aperture for the channel on the bottom of the lateral surface of the box;

13 the means for accommodating a releasable fastener for drawing toward said box
14 and releasably retaining the outer portion of said faceplate is a covered interior end
15 having a threaded aperture for the channels on the sides of the lateral surface of the box
16 so that said threaded aperture can receive screws which pass through the apertures in the
17 longitudinal projections; and

18 the means for accommodating a second releasable fastener in the rear wall of the
19 faceplate is an aperture.

1 Claim 15 (original): The Electrical Box with Recessed Faceplate as recited in claim 14,
2 wherein:

3 said faceplate and said box each have a rectangular cross section.

1 Claim 16 (withdrawn)

1 Claim 17 (original): The Electrical Box with Recessed Faceplate as recited in claim 13,
2 wherein:

3 said faceplate and said box each have a rectangular cross section.

1 Claim 18 (withdrawn)

1 Claim 19 (currently amended): An Electrical Box with Recessed Faceplate, which
2 comprises:

3 a faceplate comprising:

4 an outer portion comprising:
5 a flange;
6 an interior surface having sides, being attached to the flange, and
7 projecting generally rearward from the flange; and
8 a longitudinal projection extending inward from each side of the
9 interior surface and having a means for accommodating a releasable
10 fastener; and
11 an inner portion comprising:
12 a rear wall with a perimeter and a cross-sectional shape, the rear
13 wall containing one or more instrumentality apertures and having a means
14 for accommodating a fastener for attaching said faceplate to an electrical
15 instrumentality as well as a means for accommodating a releasable
16 fastener; and
17 an interior surface projecting generally forward from the rear wall
18 and connected to the rear wall, with the dimensions of the interior surface
19 of the inner portion being such that the interior surface of the inner portion
20 will fit into and slide along the interior surface of the outer portion with
21 substantially no gaps between such interior surfaces; and
22 a box comprising:
23 a rear wall having a perimeter;
24 a lateral surface, having a first end attached to and projecting generally
25 forward from the perimeter of the rear wall and having a top containing a channel,
26 a bottom containing a channel, and sides each containing a channel, with each
27 channel having an interior end;
28 a connecting wall having a first end attached to a second end of the lateral
29 surface, the connecting wall having sides and a second end and said connecting
30 wall extending generally outward from the lateral surface; and
31 a front portion having a first end attached to and projecting generally
32 forward from the sides and the second end of the connecting wall, the front
33 portion containing the interior ends of the channels, the front portion having a

34 second end forming an open mouth, the front portion having substantially the
35 same cross-sectional shape as does the rear wall of said faceplate, and the front
36 portion having dimensions such that the flange of the faceplate extends from the
37 interior surface to a position laterally beyond the front of the mouth;

38 a means for accommodating a releasable fastener for attaching said box to
39 said faceplate; and

40 a means for accommodating a releasable fastener for drawing toward said
41 box and releasably retaining the outer portion of said faceplate.

1 Claim 20 (original): The Electrical Box with Recessed Faceplate as recited in claim 19,
2 wherein:

3 the means for accommodating a releasable fastener in the longitudinal projection
4 is an aperture when the releasable fastener accommodated thereby is a screw;

5 the means for accommodating a releasable fastener in the rear wall of the
A3 6 faceplate is one or more apertures in the rear wall of the faceplate when the releasable
7 fastener is a screw; and

8 the means for accommodating a releasable fastener for attaching said box to said
9 faceplate is a covered interior end having a threaded aperture for the channel on the top of
10 the lateral surface of the box and a covered interior end having a threaded aperture for the
11 channel on the bottom of the lateral surface of the box when the releasable fastener is a
12 screw that will pass through the aperture in the rear wall of the faceplate; and

13 the means for accommodating a releasable fastener for drawing toward said box
14 and releasably retaining the outer portion of said faceplate is a covered interior end
15 having a threaded aperture for the channels on the sides of the lateral surface of the box
16 so that said threaded aperture can receive screws which pass through the apertures in the
17 longitudinal projections.

1 Claim 21 (original): The Electrical Box with Recessed Faceplate as recited in claim 20,
2 wherein:

3 said faceplate and said box each have a rectangular cross section.

1 Claim 22 (withdrawn)

1 Claim 23 (original): The Electrical Box with Recessed Faceplate as recited in claim 19,
2 wherein:

3 said faceplate and said box each have a rectangular cross section.

1 Claim 24 (withdrawn)

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1 Claim 25 (withdrawn)

1 Claim 26 (withdrawn)

1 Claim 27 (withdrawn)

1 Claim 28 (withdrawn)
